

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's Office Action of December 3, 2007 issued with respect to the present application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

page 1 of the specification has been amended to add the cross references to related applications information;

independent claims 1 and 2 are amended to specify that the claimed method steps are performed in a processing system and that the movement data is generated by the moveable input device based on movement of the moveable input device within a corresponding particular field of a printed form associated with the electronic form;

dependent claims 5-14, 17, 18, 21 and 22 are amended to correct the multiple dependencies;

dependent claims 15 and 16 are cancelled;

dependent claim 19 is amended to correct the multiple dependency and to conform with amended claims 1 and 2;

dependent claims 3, 4 and 20 are unchanged; and

claims 23 and 24 are cancelled.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment does not add new matter to the present application as the subject matter is described, for example, page 5, line 11-page 6, line 3 and page 7, line 12-page 8, line 10 of the present specification.

Regarding Claim Objections

It is respectfully submitted that the amendments of claims 5-14, 17, 18, 19, 21 and 22 to correct the multiple dependencies, provide the corrections required by the Examiner.

Regarding 35 USC 102(e) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claims 1 and 2, and claims 2-14 and 17-22 dependent therefrom, is not disclosed by Geidl (US 2003/0088410), because Geidl merely discloses a tablet-like electronic input device, such as touch-screen panel 193, for the input of handwriting for recognition using natural recognition techniques (see paragraphs [0034] and [0035]). Whilst the claimed invention as amended, is clearly directed to capturing handwriting on a physical printed surface for recognition by a technique other than natural input techniques (see page 6, lines 23-33 of the present specification).

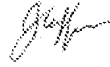
Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of dependent claim 3 is not taught or suggested by Geidl in view of Seni (US 2003/0007018), because Seni does not provide any disclosure which makes up for the deficiencies in Geidl.

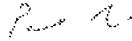
It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's objections and rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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